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HAPPY NEW YEARMES CLASS OF '42

JEAN KING MORRISON usually starts off our annual news-letter but instead, the first item will be a Christmas letter from her.....

"Alan had to have emergency Gall Bladder surgery one night in September. They went in with the 4 wee lap-anoscopy(?) cuts ---- found too much mess...stapled him backup and went in with the usual large incision. He's done well--- thin and wobbly and tired all the time. I had to have my right hip femur neck & head re-done after falling down our concrete steps at the front. May wish we'd moved out of this house a few years ago...now we need so much help to stay in it... don't want a Senior Retirement Home where every thing is done at the same time. We like to run our own lives"

What a year we've had; too many trips to the hospitals by Emergency Ambulances, with "Gastric Bleeds" "Gall Bladder Surgery". "A.C.L" torn left knee (Anterior Cruciate Ligament) lumbar spinal Stenosis with my osteoporosis. I used to be 5'7 at M.E.S. and am now 5'2", according to the nurse who comes to the house. It's excruciating from skull to hips... bent over like (a little lady). They won't operate because it's too tricky.

(And now on the plus side, (says Pauline). Became great grandparents in May '03. He's a beauty. Granddaughter Lavonne Roper Owen is expecting in May '04, so..... BLESS YOU ALL'. Affectionately A & A. (you can see why I, Pauline Hill, am writing this newsletter on my own this year.)

JOAN FAWCETT EVANS -- always great to hear from "down under". I think I will include Joan's letter in total. "Another year gone, but I am sure you have been as busy as ever. I have just re-read your circular letter of January 2003 -- and you are amazing in the way you keep up with all your friends (I'm only as good as the letters I receive, says Pauline.)" It is lovely to hear their news. I seem to have had a busy year too. As Terrigal is enroute to Sydney, the 2 families up north always pop in on their way down or back from Sydney. They stay overnight and I catch up with their news. With my eldest son in the Blue Mountains and Susie in Sydney, I have many trips down to them. My eldest daughter is in Victoria. I have a couple of trips down to her and she is always up for Easter and alternate Christmases together.

Joan Fawcett Evans continued.....

Our summer weather hasn't really set in yet. I see from TV broadcasts that it is cold in Canada (didn't keep the date of Joan's letter, but today Jan. 4th, Vancouver has the snow and Toronto has green grass!) My (?) grandsons who were (?) through the year are back now. I have a granddaughter still in New York --- doubt if we will ever get her back, she loves the pace of life there...and our grandson in Singapore in the Banking world.

For myself...a few aches and pains of old age, but really very fit and still walking every morning on the beach. Lots of bridge, visits to the Art Gallery Ballet, etc. in Sydney. Mostly I drive the hour and a half, though sometimes take the train.

I think we are all caught up with the turmoil in the world. The terrorist threat is ever present. I find it hard to forget Sep. 11th...the Bali Bombing, so I only wish America could finally control the unrest in Iraq. The situation is so elusive...and eruptive. We can only pray the forces of good will prevail.

Are you still active in Rotary and did you go up this year to clean and paint the cabins? I see that Welcome Wagon is keeping you very involved too! Hope you have had a healthy and happy year and next year will be as good. Best wish to all and my love. Sincerely "Joan".

(Pauline's response to her final paragraph.... "Yes, Joan I am very active in Rotary...did go north to paint cabins in 2003, and will likely do so in 2004. It is a working weekend but lots of fellowship thrown in. The "male" Rotarians do the cooking, and they are great chefs. In my final paragraph, I will tell you just how Welcome Wagon and Rotary honoured my 50 years with WW in November/03.

And now from FLORENCE RILEY... How does it go with you.... being alone? I often think of you (thanks Florence, it's a different life. PH)

"this has been a relatively uneventful year. I continue to explore the mysteries of the psyche through dream interpretation and the body & matter through homoeopathy. Had a bit of a rough go with illness last winter, but at the moment I am well and frisky as ever. Would you believe I have joined Curves? Basically I think it is a very sound programme and since most of the strenuous stuff is done sitting down, it suits my old age. Awfully boring but it is keeping me agile and strong now that swimming & long walks are curtailed by weather.

You probably know that PEG CAWLEY has moved to Halifax. (Yup, her new address is "Margaret Cawley at 514-1044 Tower Road, Halifax NS., B3H 4R1 (Phone: (902)444-2988)

Florence Riley also writes about BARBARA HALIDAY MacDONALD "Barbara has had a heavy go with cancer, but having doctors in the family she has had splendid care and is now in Remission". (How about a card to Barbara, gang?)

EVA CAMPBELL MUNRO OF HALIFAX has sent a great typed update of her life, so I am going to print it as typed by her...a "paste-up" job which is simple! (I apologize for my use of an old "standard typewriter, but I gave my computer away last year (I hated it...I KNOW (I'm queer!)) (That comment from Pauline Hill, of course).

The Raging Grannies marched and sang appropriate songs for National Housing Day for the Homeless yesterday & the mayor tripped the switch & the lights came on to "ohs & wows" on the huge xmas tree in the parade square last night so it must be that time. Stores are decorated & my favourite already there in the window, a sleeping beauty visibly breathing & surrounded by the 7 dwarfs. Amazing . only missed one year-when she had to go back to Germany to have her breathing repaired. A bleak year that was. Looking back over 2003, we had Tom & his great big dog here with us from Jan to April, so some mornings I had to take 2 dogs & run down the hill to the park, felt like I was driving buggy reins . His wife was in Mexico doing a project on the Maquiladoras, she returned in April & they have their own house but we see them often

Son Kirk is contracting & helping to build his house. Says he's tapping the heat source deep in the earth to heat his house !

Ishbelis still Ex. Dir of Rural & Coastal Communities & working very hard . Had a lot of fog in August, however fall has been delightful warm, no snow, some wind.

John attends as Adult Program 2 mornings a week at Northwood, he enjoys it & I get some Granny work done.

Saw some great parades in Halifax this summer, the Gay Parade gave us laughs galore, 250 lb. belly dancers shaking it all . men on bikes dressed in leather but bare bums!

The Grannies wrote a song for the new same sex legislation & sang it in the Unitarian church!! Sparing no details. We are enjoying our condo especially our view on the harbour, cargo ships & tourist ships sailing in & out. And so goes another year. We are content & looking forward to a joyous Xmas season.

May your year be filled with peace & joy
Friends forever-always in my vision.

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AND NOW FROM JEAN FINCH (Finchy) of Winnipeg.

Jean lost her husband this past year, and I didn't know until I telephoned her from my son's in Winnipeg in November. Here's her letter. "Thank you for your phone call...and I am sorry we couldn't meet. For the next six months I am baby sitting so have my work cut out for me. However, it is nice. I am not lonesome any more. I really don't have any information for you as I haven't seen or heard from any of the girls since last Christmas. I drove to Ottawa and back with my daughter Karen to get her daughter registered at U of Ottawa. It was nice but long trip. Only stayed over two days, so have nothing to write about. The rest of my family are doing well and not bothering their old mother. The "old part" is creeping up too fast"...though I have nothing to complain about. In June I visited Mark in Canmore (Alberta). He is buying a house but has no steady girlfriend....seems to like bachelor-life better. No more grandchildren in the offing and still the three great grand daughters. Each sentence makes my writing worse (like PH's typing) so keep well and Merry Xmas! Love - Jean.

And now from "Scotty" (RUTH SCOTT PROPHET)..... Sorry as always I never write or call, but honestly I do think about you often. Have gone to Orillia several times and Mandy meets me at lunchtime and we have a visit. They are down to a truck to drive and so when I go "south" on Jan. 6th, I hope they can drive down and take my car back till I return March 25th. They plan to sell their "bed and breakfast" home in Minden, and move where Peter can revert to his profession, but where he can also carve canes and figurines which he can market. My son is so concerned about me, he has been looking into the time when I will move across the street to a "Retirement" assisted living at Portal Village, a beautiful complex...and if I can see and able to drive my car. Cheryl will pick me up and drive to their home at Morgan Point on Lake Erie (8 miles) for dinners or parties. Enough of all my stories...Will keepin touch, I promise. Affectionately, Scotty.

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And from PAULINE SELLER HILL - Had a wonderful Xmas....
Daughter Pat who teaches at Stanford University in Cal.
was with me from Dec. 7th to 26th. On December 9th,
son from Winnipeg (law firm there,) came for 24 hours
~~was~~ we had a 3-way (longoverdue) visit. Grandson Josh
(25) joined Pat and I from Dec. 19th to 26th. He has a
company in L.A. which teaches chess to the 1st 6 grades
in over a hundred schools there.

AND NOW...instead of telling you about it, I
am enclosing a copy of the agreement between
Welcome Wagon and The Rotary Club of Toronto,
which initiated the "Pauline Hill Endowment Fund"
to celebrate my 50 years of service to Welcome
Wagon! WOW...I was overwhelmed.... at nearly
84, I was appreciative that they took this step
while I was still alive to know about it!
Obviously my interest in Rotary is the care of
the "preconception to age 6 children". A dollar
spent during that period will save our govern-
ments \$8.00 down the line, in terms of dealing
with learning disabilities, fetal alcohol syn-
drome, poor health, etc. The list goes on and on.



The Rotary Club of Toronto

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ENDOWED FUND AGREEMENT

I. ESTABLISHMENT

The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation (hereinafter "the Charity") hereby agrees to establish the *Pauline Hill ENDOWMENT FUND* ("Fund") per the terms of this agreement with an opening gift of \$10,000 received from Welcome Wagon Ltd.

II. PURPOSE

The Purpose of this Fund shall be:

"To support charitable initiatives that address the well being of children prenatal to age 6 and needy mothers who are receiving public assistance.

III. DONOR(S)

History of the Donor, Welcome Wagon

Welcome Wagon was founded by an enterprising newspaper man, Thomas Winston Briggs, in Memphis, Tennessee in June 1928. He felt the spirit of the tradition of the old West of greeting and welcoming wagon trains could be revived in the 20th century

The Canadian Welcome Wagon began in Vancouver in 1930. Today, there are 1200 women from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island helping new residents to feel comfortable in their new communities. Welcome Wagon also has programmes for people who are experiencing other lifestyle changes such as having a baby, getting married, becoming grandparents, new executives and owning or managing a business.

In 1979, the Canadian Welcome Wagon company was purchased from Gillette of Boston by a group of Canadian managers led by Pauline Hill. It then became wholly Canadian owned and operated. In 2004, the 25th anniversary of the Canadian company will be celebrated. 2005 will mark the 75th anniversary of Welcome Wagon's founding.

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IV. FUNDING

This Endowment shall be funded with the following:

1. An opening cash gift of \$10,000 from Welcome Wagon Ltd. in recognition of *Pauline Hill's* 50 years of dedication and service.
2. Gifts that are sent to this fund in recognition of Pauline Hill throughout her lifetime.
2. Memorial and tribute giving designated to this fund.
3. Any other gifts or bequests that *Pauline Hill* or other persons may designate for this purpose.

V. INVESTMENT

The donor(s) intend(s) that the property contributed for this Fund, or other property substituted for it, shall be held and invested by the Charity as a permanent endowment unless the purpose is amended in accordance with Article VII, but in no case shall the contributed property, or property substituted for it, be held for a period of less than ten years, in accordance with Section 149.1(1)(e)(i) of the Income Tax Act.

The income earned on the endowment shall be used annually for the purposes authorized by this agreement. The investment, management, and expenditure of all funds shall be in accordance with the Charity's policies and procedures.

VI. ADMINISTRATION

The principal of this endowment shall be retained, administered and managed by The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation. The distributed income shall be used for the purposes described in Article II.

VII. AMENDMENT

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the Charity and *Pauline Hill* during her lifetime.

If changed circumstances should at some future time make it impractical to continue using the income from this endowment for the designated purpose, and the donor(s) either is (are) not living or not able to consent to an amendment, then the Charity may redesignate the purpose of the endowment income, providing that the Fund shall continue to bear the name(s) of "*Pauline Hill*" and the amended terms shall adhere as closely as possible to the donor(s)' original intent for this Fund.

Donor(s):

Pat Keisman

For the Charity:

Valerie Clark
(Name and title of person
empowered to sign for the
Charity)

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From Pauline.....Co-editor:

I went "west" for Thanksgiving 2002. I spent ONE Thanksgiving with my son Dave's family in Winnipeg, and while there had a short telephone talk with Jean Finch Schick ("Finchy"). Although there are a few "age-old" or is it "old-age" problems there, it seems that the Schick family are doing reasonably well. We were both disappointed that there wasn't time to get together, but I was scheduled to have my second "Thanksgiving Dinner" with my 70-year "young" nephew's family in White Rock, in the Vancouver area.

After visiting several friends there, I went on to a Welcome Wagon Shareholders' Meeting in Victoria. It was there that I was able to do some MES visiting. First, to Anne Thompson Roper's home (a Welcome Wagon Manager drove me there) and we had a lovely hour of reminiscing, and the visit included a short glimpse of Alan, looking very glamorous in his dressing gown. (Quote from their 2002 Christmas card: "We get up when we feel like it; go around in our dressing gowns till we feel like getting dressed; eat when I get it ready". They are both a treat to meet!

But guess what? When Jill Cavanagh Kelly heard I was going to be in the Victoria airport (en route to Edmonton, home town), at 6 a.m., she said "I'll be there" and she was! Wish you could have witnessed two "mature" women who hadn't seen one another for 60 years, trying to recognize one another, BUT WE DID, and we had a visit over coffee before my flight took off. It was sheer fun to see Jill again...she keeps very busy in that lovely city.

And now from MES'RS by mail...Still one of Halifax's Raging Grannies" still working on a community law case and still frustrated, she ends up her note with "we'll get on and things will be better than ever in time. We're all survivors". Blessings...hugs...Love to you all." Eva.

In September I sent you all word of Gwen Thompson Sharpe's passing. Her husband Walt's note to me "She cherished her relationship with all the Class of '42. I urged her to attend your last re-union but she declined because she needed a wheelchair. Wish she had known how brave Lois Creighton Harnish was to come. WOW!

Speaking of LOIS, the favourite man in her life wrote the Christmas 2002 letter, and in it said "although Lois can no longer write, she likes to keep up with world events, and now does most of her communicating with the phone. "Obviously the Harnishes (at 80 and 85) are still "carrying on" as he said (straight quote) "we have MUSH to be happy and thankful for" (I know that was a "TYPO", but I thought I would have fun with it). Hubbards town is still growing rapidly (bedroom community of Halifax), so they're still, as a family, very, very busy.

PEGGY STEWART CAWLEY sent a card and along with her Christmas greetings, she added: "thank you for making our reunion so much fun" (It WAS, wasn't it?)

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